

## Warden Message on Avian Flu to American Citizens, February 22, 2006

Malaysian government authorities have confirmed an outbreak of the H5N1 avian influenza virus in the Gombak neighborhood of Kuala Lumpur. The virus caused the death of approximately 40 chickens. We have received no reports of human transmission and no reports of outbreaks outside this immediate area. The authorities have responded to the outbreak by culling chicken flocks in the area, restricting the transport of poultry, disinfecting coops in the neighborhood and monitoring the surrounding area.

We are advising Embassy staff to minimize any possible risk of exposure to the H5N1 virus by taking the following steps:

- Avoid physical contact with birds or their feces, in particular domestic poultry.
- Avoid contact with people who come in contact with live poultry
- Avoid wet markets, chicken coops and other places where it would be easy to come into contact with birds or their waste.
- Wash your hands frequently to minimize the risk of infection.
- It is safe to consume poultry and eggs, but both should be thoroughly cooked. Wash the shells of eggs in soap and water to minimize the risk of infection.

Additional country information can be obtained from the Department of State's Consular Information Sheets at <http://travel.state.gov> and from the Department of State's toll-free number, 1-888-407-4747, or if calling from overseas, 202-501-4444. The State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs will keep international travelers up to date through their [Avian flu fact sheet](#) which can be found at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/health/health\\_1181.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/health/health_1181.html).

All involved agencies throughout the U.S. Government are coordinating to maintain up to date U.S. information on pandemic flu and avian influenza at [pandemicflu.gov](http://pandemicflu.gov).

Specific CDC travel information relating to avian influenza, including preventive measures, is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/index.htm>. WHO guidance related to avian influenza is available at [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/).

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